Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

September 2016

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering September 11th to 17th, 2016, there were 573,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 1,300 from August 2016 and 6,000 less than the number employed in September 2015.

Agricultural employment was 43,700 persons in September 2016, down 1,200 from the August 2016 level and 500 less than the September 2015 agricultural employment level of 44,200. Non-agricultural employment was 529,700 persons in September 2016. This is a decrease of 100 from the August 2016 non-agriculture employment level of529,800 and 5,500 less than September 2015.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for September 2016 was 5.9 percent. This is a decrease of 0.9 percentage points from the August 2016 rate of 6.8 percent but 1.5 percentage points higher than the September 2015 level of 4.4 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 7,100 to 609,500 persons in September 2016 from 616,600 persons in August 2016. This is 3,700 more than the September 2015 labour force of 605,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.8 percentage points to 70.0 percent in September 2016 from 70.8 percent in August 2016. The September 2015 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.2 percent.

There were 36,100 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during September 2016. This is a decrease of 5,900 from August 2016 but is 9,700 more than the number unemployed in September 2015.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 569,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan in September 2016, up 300 from the August 2016 level of 569,000 and is down 6,500 from the September 2015 employment level of 575,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2016 was 6.8 percent. This is an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the August 2016 rate of 6.3 percent and 1.6 percentage points higher than the September 2015 rate of 5.2 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 84,500 persons in September 2016 to 18,212,100 persons from 18,296,600 persons in August 2016. In September 2015, there were 18,068,700 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 1.2 percentage points in September 2016 to 6.4 percent from the August 2016 level of 7.6 percent. In September 2015, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.4 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.0 percent in September 2016. This is the same as August 2016 but 0.1 percentage points lower than the September 2015 level of 7.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	September 2016	August 2016	September 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,455.5	19,799.2	19,313.8	-343.7	141.7
Employed ('000)	18,212.1	18,296.6	18,068.7	-84.5	143.4
Full-Time ('000)	14,757.8	15,198.5	14,688.6	-440.7	69.2
Part-Time ('000)	3,454.3	3,098.1	3,380.1	356.2	74.2
Unemployed ('000)	1,243.3	1,502.6	1,245.1	-259.3	-1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	7.6	6.4	-1.2	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.0	7.0	7.1	0.0	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	66.8	65.8	-1.2	-0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	609.5	616.6	605.8	-7.1	3.7
Employed ('000)	573.4	574.7	579.4	-1.3	-6.0
Full-Time ('000)	474.1	480.5	476.7	-6.4	-2.6
Part-Time ('000)	99.3	94.2	102.7	5.1	-3.4
Unemployed ('000)	36.1	42.0	26.4	-5.9	9.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	6.8	4.4	-0.9	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	6.3	5.2	0.5	1.6
Participation Rate (%)	70.0	70.8	70.2	-0.8	-0.2
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Labour Force ('000)	2,468.6	2,495.2	2,473.6	-26.6	-5.0
Employed ('000)	2,282.2	2,269.2	2,327.0	13.0	-44.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,853.1	1,885.8	1,910.3	-32.7	-57.2
Part-Time ('000)	429.1	383.5	416.6	45.6	12.5
Unemployed ('000)	186.3	226.0	146.6	-39.7	39.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	9.1	5.9	-1.6	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.5	8.4	6.6	0.1	1.9
Participation Rate (%)	72.5	73.3	73.4	-0.8	-0.9
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Labour Force ('000)	676.0	687.5	673.9	-11.5	2.1
Employed ('000)	635.2	637.4	640.9	-2.2	-5.7
Full-Time ('000)	510.7	527.7	518.8	-17.0	-8.1
Part-Time ('000)	124.5	109.7	122.0	14.8	2.5
Unemployed ('000)	40.9	50.1	33.0	-9.2	7.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	7.3	4.9	-1.2	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.4	5.9	5.2	0.5	1.2
Participation Rate (%)	67.5	68.7	68.1	-1.2	-0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September 2016	August 2016	September 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	609.5	616.6	605.8	-7.1	3.7
Male	333.9	339.5	330.2	-5.6	3.7
Female	275.6	277.2	275.6	-1.6	0.0
15-24 Years of Age	89.5	101.6	90.8	-12.1	-1.3
25+ Years of age	520.0	515.0	515.0	5.0	5.0
EMPLOYED ('000)	573.4	574.7	579.4	-1.3	-6.0
Male	313.5	317.8	314.7	-4.3	-1.2
Female	259.9	256.9	264.7	3.0	-4.8
15-24 Years of Age	78.4	90.0	83.6	-11.6	-5.2
25+ Years of age	495.0	484.7	495.8	10.3	-0.8
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	36.1	42.0	26.4	-5.9	9.7
Male	20.5	21.7	15.5	-1.2	5.0
Female	15.6	20.2	10.9	-4.6	4.7
15-24 Years of Age	11.2	11.7	5.5	-0.5	5.7
25+ Years of age	24.9	30.3	11.9	-5.4	13.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.9	6.8	4.4	-0.9	1.5
Male	6.1	6.4	4.7	-0.3	1.4
Female	5.7	7.3	4.0	-1.6	1.7
15-24 Years of Age	12.5	11.5	8.0	1.0	4.5
25+ Years of age	4.8	5.9	3.7	-1.1	1.1
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	70.0	70.8	70.2	-0.8	-0.2
Male	76.0	77.3	75.8	-1.3	0.2
Female	63.8	64.2	64.4	-0.4	-0.6
15-24 Years of Age	66.5	75.4	66.7	-8.9	-0.2
25+ Years of age	70.6	70.0	70.8	0.6	-0.2

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	September 2016	August 2016	September 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	43.7	44.9	44.2	-1.2	-0.5
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.6	25.2	26.0	-0.6	-1.4
Utilities	6.6	6.8	6.9	-0.2	-0.3
Construction	53.4	54.5	57.4	-1.1	-4.0
Manufacturing	26.7	25.9	26.2	0.8	0.5
Trade	88.5	89.7	84.5	-1.2	4.0
Transportation and Warehousing	28.0	27.7	29.5	0.3	-1.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.3	27.4	30.4	-0.1	-3.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	29.0	29.4	24.9	-0.4	4.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.8	13.2	14.5	-0.4	-1.7
Educational Services	41.1	29.9	42.3	11.2	-1.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	79.1	81.7	79.6	-2.6	-0.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.7	22.1	20.9	-2.4	-1.2
Accommodation and Food Services	37.8	39.8	38.2	-2.0	-0.4
Other Services	24.2	25.6	26.5	-1.4	-2.3
Public Administration	30.9	31.0	27.5	-0.1	3.4
Total	573.4	574.7	579.4	-1.3	-6.0
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	474.1	480.5	476.7	-6.4	-2.6
Part-Time	99.3	94.2	102.7	5.1	-3.4
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	472.5	469.5	475.0	3.0	-2.5
Public Sector	140.9	132.6	137.2	8.3	3.7
Private Sector	331.6	336.9	337.8	-5.3	-6.2
Self-Employed	100.9	105.2	104.4	-4.3	-3.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September 2016	August 2016	September 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,212.1	18,296.6	18,068.7	-84.5	143.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	240.0	244.5	240.7	-4.5	-0.7
Prince Edward Island	74.1	75.9	75.9	-1.8	-1.8
Nova Scotia	450.3	457.3	458.1	-7.0	-7.8
New Brunswick	363.5	366.4	358.3	-2.9	5.2
Quebec	4,208.1	4,184.8	4,136.7	23.3	71.4
Ontario	6,989.5	7,069.3	6,913.5	-79.8	76.0
Manitoba	635.2	637.4	640.9	-2.2	-5.7
Saskatchewan	573.4	574.7	579.4	-1.3	-6.0
Alberta	2,282.2	2,269.2	2,327.0	13.0	-44.8
British Columbia	2,395.9	2,417.0	2,338.5	-21.1	57.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.4	7.6	6.4	-1.2	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.7	11.7	11.5	0.0	0.2
Prince Edward Island	8.1	9.8	7.1	-1.7	1.0
Nova Scotia	7.0	8.5	7.8	-1.5	-0.8
New Brunswick	7.6	8.7	7.1	-1.1	0.5
Quebec	6.1	7.4	6.7	-1.3	-0.6
Ontario	6.3	7.6	6.5	-1.3	-0.2
Manitoba	6.1	7.3	4.9	-1.2	1.2
Saskatchewan	5.9	6.8	4.4	-0.9	1.5
Alberta	7.5	9.1	5.9	-1.6	1.6
British Columbia	5.5	6.0	6.2	-0.5	-0.7

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	September 2016	August 2016	September 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,116.7	18,049.5	17,977.9	67.2	138.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	234.7	235.9	235.5	-1.2	-0.8
Prince Edward Island	71.4	71.2	73.3	0.2	-1.9
Nova Scotia	443.4	445.2	450.5	-1.8	-7.1
New Brunswick	356.0	351.6	351.6	4.4	4.4
Quebec	4,167.0	4,128.7	4,106.4	38.3	60.6
Ontario	6,993.3	6,977.1	6,911.2	16.2	82.1
Manitoba	631.8	633.9	638.4	-2.1	-6.6
Saskatchewan	569.3	569.0	575.8	0.3	-6.5
Alberta	2,264.2	2,250.9	2,311.3	13.3	-47.1
British Columbia	2,385.5	2,386.1	2,324.0	-0.6	61.5
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.0	7.0	7.1	0.0	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.6	12.3	13.7	1.3	-0.1
Prince Edward Island	10.8	12.1	9.2	-1.3	1.6
Nova Scotia	8.1	8.5	8.9	-0.4	-0.8
New Brunswick	9.3	9.4	8.8	-0.1	0.5
Quebec	6.9	7.1	7.7	-0.2	-0.8
Ontario	6.6	6.7	6.9	-0.1	-0.3
Manitoba	6.4	5.9	5.2	0.5	1.2
Saskatchewan	6.8	6.3	5.2	0.5	1.6
Alberta	8.5	8.4	6.6	0.1	1.9
British Columbia	5.7	5.5	6.4	0.2	-0.7

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	September 2016	August 2016	September 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	7.4	7.1	6.8	0.3	0.6
Halifax	5.6	5.4	5.8	0.2	-0.2
Saint John	7.7	8.3	8.6	-0.6	-0.9
Quebec	4.8	4.9	4.7	-0.1	0.1
Montreal	7.8	8.1	8.7	-0.3	-0.9
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.8	6.9	6.7	-0.1	0.1
Toronto	7.6	7.2	7.5	0.4	0.1
Greater Sudbury	7.6	8.1	7.3	-0.5	0.3
Winnipeg	7.4	7.2	6.3	0.2	1.1
Regina	5.2	5.5	4.6	-0.3	0.6
Saskatoon	7.0	6.6	6.1	0.4	0.9
Calgary	9.8	9.5	7.0	0.3	2.8
Edmonton	8.1	8.3	6.1	-0.2	2.0
Vancouver	5.3	5.4	6.0	-0.1	-0.7
Victoria	4.6	4.7	6.1	-0.1	-1.5
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	185.0	186.8	184.8	-1.8	0.2
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.3	52.9	53.0	0.4	0.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	199.4	199.4	200.7	0.0	-1.3
Yorkton-Melville	37.4	37.8	37.5	-0.4	-0.1
Prince Albert & Northern	99.6	100.7	101.8	-1.1	-2.2

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	September 2016	August 2016	September 2015	Last Month	Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	614.2	616.1	610.4	-1.9	3.8
Employed ('000)	575.2	577.8	578.5	-2.6	-3.3
Unemployed ('000)	39.0	38.3	31.8	0.7	7.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.2	5.2	0.1	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	70.9	70.8	-0.3	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.1	66.5	67.1	-0.4	-1.0
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	559.6	562.1	559.0	-2.5	0.6
Employed ('000)	528.5	532.1	534.2	-3.6	-5.7
Unemployed ('000)	31.1	30.0	24.8	1.1	6.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	5.3	4.4	0.2	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	71.0	71.4	71.2	-0.4	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	67.1	67.6	68.0	-0.5	-0.9
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	54.6	54.0	51.3	0.6	3.3
Employed ('000)	46.7	45.7	44.3	1.0	2.4
Unemployed ('000)	7.9	8.3	7.0	-0.4	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.5	15.4	13.7	-0.9	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	65.9	66.2	0.2	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	56.5	55.8	57.1	0.7	-0.6
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Labour Force ('000)	20.8	20.6	19.5	0.2	1.3
Employed ('000)	16.3	15.7	15.4	0.6	0.9
Unemployed ('000)	4.5	4.9	4.2	-0.4	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	21.7	23.8	21.3	-2.1	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	57.4	57.6	59.7	-0.2	-2.3
Employment Rate (%)	44.9	43.9	47.0	1.0	-2.1
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Labour Force ('000)	33.5	33.1	31.3	0.4	2.2
Employed ('000)	30.1	29.7	28.5	0.4	1.6
Unemployed ('000)	3.4	3.4	2.8	0.0	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.1	10.3	8.8	-0.2	1.3
Participation Rate (%)	73.0	72.5	70.6	0.5	2.4
Employment Rate (%)	65.7	65.0	64.4	0.7	1.3

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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